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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
YASUHIRO SHIMADA ET AL. ) : Examiner: S. Yam  
Application No.: 09/879,905 ) : Group Art Unit: 2878  
Filed: June 14, 2001 ) :  
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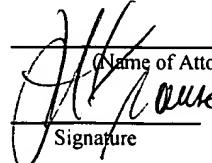
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated March 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application prior to the continued examination thereof pursuant to the accompanying Request for Continued Examination.

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